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### K-State student severely wounded in Colorado shooting

Sean Frve staff writer

#### Heroic actions of friend **Stephanie Davies saves life** of 19-year-old Allie Young

On Sunday, July 22, President Barack Obama traveled to the University of Colorado Hospital to visit the families of those both slain and wounded in the recent Aurora, Colo., shooting. Obama consoled the families of loved ones who were killed in the movie theater and also listened to the stories of the 58 survivors.

One of those survivors is Allie Young, a 19-year-old former K-State student who will be returning to the university for the fall semester. After the president visited with the victims, he addressed the media in the hospital. During his 10-minute speech, he described in detail the story of how Young was able to survive the horrific encounter with the heroic efforts of her best friend, Stephanie Davies.

Young's story begins late Thursday night, when she and Davies decided to attend the midnight screening of the new Batman movie, "The Dark Knight Rises.

We actually wanted to go to the movie because we were planning on going back to Manhattan the next morning and didn't want to be up all night drinking," Young said. "So we thought a movie would be nice and

Young had no way of knowing that her relaxing evening would soon be making national headlines.

According to reports, at approximately 12:38 a.m., as Young was enjoying popcorn and a pickle, suspected gunman James Holmes entered the theater through an exit door that he had propped open and threw a gas canister into the room.

"He threw them only a few feet from Allie and Stephanie, who were sitting there watching the film," Obama said in a statement after speaking with the two, along with Young's parents. "Allie stood up, seeing that she might need to do something or at least warn the other



Allie Young takes a break from recovery to get a picture with President Barack Obama and friend Stephanie Davies at the University of Colorado Hospital on Sunday, Davies put pressure on Young's gunshot wounds after the Friday shootings, saving her friend's life at the risk of her own

people that were there, and she was

immediately shot." As Allie fell to the ground in the aisle, Davies went down to help save her friend. She applied pressure to the gunshot wounds on her carotid artery

and called 911 with her free hand. However, Young wanted her friend to save herself: she thought it was al-

ready too late. "I told her to leave, though, because I couldn't move and the shooter was walking around the empty theater shooting and killing people who were still alive and I didn't want her to be found," Young said. "I already thought I was dead so I couldn't risk her life for mine. She refused to leave and I am so thankful she didn't because I know I would be dead if she had left me?

When authorities arrived on the scene and began to clear the movie theater, Davies helped carry Young to an ambulance. Once Young arrived at the hospital, it was discovered that she had 32 pieces of shrapnel throughout

gency surgery. They removed the fragments of shotgun from my carotid artery in my neck and cauterized it so it would stop bleeding," Young said. "I also had

her body. She was rushed into emer-

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### State school board candidates face tough questions

Karen Ingram edge editor/online editor

#### **Board of Education** hopefuls share differing opinions at forum

The auditorium of the Manhattan Public Library was nearly filled to capacity on Monday. The people were of many different age groups, came from different backgrounds and held different beliefs about science and religion, but they all had something in common: concern for the future of Kansas public

The Kansas State Board of Education candidates for District No. 6 held a forum to discuss their stance on education, hosted by the Kansas Citizens for Science, Kansas Families for Education Foundation and the MainStream Coalition.

District No. 6 encompasses all or part of 24 counties in Kansas, covering 61 school districts, making it the second largest area in the state board. The candidates are Usha Reddi, Democratic candidate from Manhattan; Carol Viar, Democratic candidate from Salina; and Deena Horst, unopposed Republican candidate

The forum began with a short speech from Harry Mc-Donald, president of the KCFS, who acted as moderator. Each of the candidates then gave a short introductory speech about their reasons for running for the school board and the rest of the event was dedicated to answering questions from the audience. Questions included topics such as funding, new science standards to be adopted, the importance of the arts in school, sex education and intelligent design versus evolution.

The candidates agreed with each other on many subjects, such as the importance of the

arts in schools. Horst, who has a doctorate in art education from K-State and has spent 41 years as an educator, primarily in art education, said taking the arts away from students limited their creative thinking and made them less responsive to things of beauty, such as nature. Trying to describe it was difficult, she said, because instead of using words,

she usually drew it. "Art is basic. Not only creative thinking and thinking abstractly, but art itself encompasses everything people learn,"

Viar said the arts encouraged people to think outside of the box, which in turn helped to create better leaders. When she served on the Southeast of Saline school board and they had to make budget cuts, they worked to keep the arts in the schools by cutting in other areas, such as removing a bus route

and not giving raises. Reddi said the arts were critical to the education process and reminded the audience how learning songs helped them to memorize information in grade school. She also said cutting back on gym classes and recess time was also detrimental to students, especially with the growing crisis of obesity in the

country.

"Kids can't sit still for hours on end, they have to keep moving," Reddi said.

While the candidates agreed on many subjects, there were others where their opinions differed, such as whether a local school district should take direction from the state if they are

doing well on their own. Viar pointed out that com-

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Usha Reddi answers questions during a question and answer forum for District No. 6 candidates running for the Kansas State Board of Education at the Manhattan Public Library on Monday, while candidates Carol Viar and Deena Horst look on.

### US reacts in wake of Aurora theater tragedy

Jakki Thompson staff writer

#### Massacre kills 12, wounds 58, causing controversy over gun regulations

In the early minutes of the morning on Friday, July 20, armed gunman James Holmes walked into the emergency exit of theater 9 of the AMC Theater in

Aurora, Colo. Holmes came into the theater armed with four guns, including one resembling a fully automatic AK-47. When Holmes entered the theater a little before 12:40 a.m., he propped the emergency exit door open. He initially threw smoke bombs into the audience and then opened fire.

'This massacre really brings me back to reality," said Emily Wu, resident of Superior, Colo., and sophomore at the University of Colorado-Boulder. "We're so used to thinking, 'It's Colorado. Nothing ever happens in Colorado.' But in light of this tragedy, we face the cold, hard truth that no place is safe, only safer. Seeing such an event happen reminds me that the danger is here, and we can't spot it until it's too late."

Currently, Wu is working at an internship at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Wu said she originally heard about the incident from one of the professors she works with and later read more about it online, both from social media and from news sites.

Wu's brother lives in Aurora with his girlfriend. Neither of them was at the movie or in the theater that night.

"My initial reaction was to protect the people who had been affected," Wu said. "This feeling has been ongoing for the summer - in general, I have a need to protect the people around me, and this feeling is augmented when I'm far away. What went through my head was, 'I wish I could protect those people. But I

can't, I'm 1,000 miles away." This event has been one of the largest mass murders in the history of the United States; 12 people have been pronounced dead from the massacre and another 58 were

injured, both from bullet wounds and during the hectic atmosphere when people were trying to evac-

uate the theater. The first thing I thought of when I heard about the massacre in Aurora was disbelief," said Alice Paige, resident of Boulder, Colo., and sophomore at University of Northern Colorado. "I honestly couldn't wrap my head around why someone would even think of committing such a terrible act. It's actually physically disturbing for me to see and hear, and I am certain that many others feel the same way. I can't imagine why anyone would have the urge to take another human life, especially that of a child. This whole act is disgusting, disturbing and

rampage happened

"I honestly couldn't wrap my head around why someone would even think of committing such a terrible act."

> Alice Paige Boulder, Colo., resident

during the movie "The Dark Knight Rises," the final install-ment in Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy, in which a new terrorist-like super villain, Bane, attacks Gotham City.
"I was shocked that something

like this has happened so soon, said Lili Bolton, resident of Louisville, Colo., and freshman at the University of Colorado-Denver. "People had come to see an escapist story about a comic book hero, and instead they found themselves in an all-too-real and horrific situation. The movie itself is deeply rooted in our politics today, and I thought that was what would lead to controversy, not this kind of violence.

The massacre has raised numerous political issues; Wu mentioned that it has especially caused much controversy about gun control. She talked about



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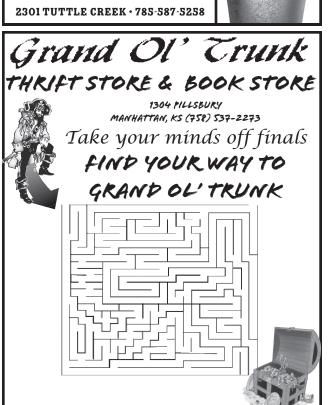
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#### THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 21**

Gregory Jerome Latson, of Fort Riley, was booked for aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Precious Jasmine Banks, of the 400 block of 18th Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

Corey Lee Watkins, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at

Joshua Dale Bonwell, of the 300 block of Stone Drive, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens, use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Kanin Patrick Wyrick, of the 300 block of Stone Drive, was booked for driving under the influence and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$1,500.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 22**

Faith Melinda Morehead, of the 600 block of Riley Lane, was booked for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$7,000.

Becky Jo Kottke, of the 1200 block of Colorado Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000.

James Allen Norton, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

#### **MONDAY, JULY 23**

Benjamin Glenn Greidanus, of the 400 block of Fourth Street, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

Jason Buck Manthe, of the 800 block of Fossilridge Drive, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Antoine Levert Chillers, of Maryville, Mo., was booked for two counts of failure to appear.

Bond was set at \$11,500.

Sheryl Luana French, of the 1200 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Hunter Allan Freeman, of the 1100 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set

Brian James Nelson, of the 3700 block of Powers Lane, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and habitual violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Tierra Kirsten Jackson, of the 600 block of Fifth Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

Amanda Lynn Miller, of Junction City, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

Brandy Elizabeth Grana-

dos, of the 1700 block of Cassell

Road, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$3,000. Jeremiah Ray Egbert, of

Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at

Gary Lee Smith Jr., of the 400 block of Colorado Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,000.

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 24**

Christopher Shawn Boatman, of Junction City, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,000.

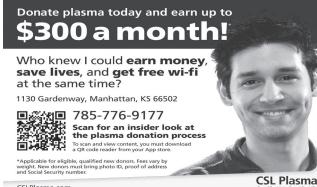
Carole Nicole Lynn Olivera, of the 600 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$356.

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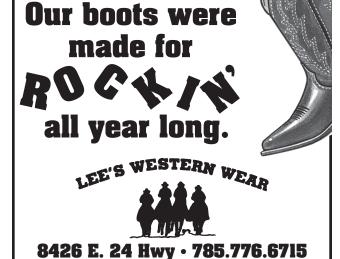
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do that," Bryan said.

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Dogs do not cool as well as

humans do; they rely on cool air,

cool surfaces and panting. To be

safe, leave pets at home while

going out in high temperatures

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### Pet owners beware: animals vulnerable to heat

staff writer

#### Dogs especially at risk of heat stroke in direct sunlight, humidity

The summer heat has captured headlines all over the nation; the triple-digit temperatures have caused concerns for farming, droughts and even heat poisoning. Many people have overlooked one population, however: pets.

Dogs are especially at risk, said Susan Nelson, veterinarian and associate professor at K-State's Veterinary Health Center, because they tend to spend more time outdoors than other pets. The heat has several peculiar effects on dogs; besides an increase in panting, heat-induced effects include a decrease in energy and a lack of appetite.

Because animals like dogs, cats and rabbits have no sweat glands, pet owners should take certain precautions to keep them cool. However, as Cheyanne Sullivan, dog owner and senior in management said, "Dogs are easier to keep cool than other animals."

Sullivan noticed that her dog — a black Lab named Tehya — eats significantly less in the summer. During the winter, Sullivan sometimes feeds her dog a full bowl twice a day, but during the summer, Tehya barely eats half a bowl. Sullivan also said she noticed her dog has less energy during the

summer; Tehya spends less time outside and her runs are shorter. Luckily, dogs have ways of

letting their owners know they need to get out of the sun. Nelson said pet owners need to "be cognizant of their conditions ... like reluctance of moving, tongue hanging out, ropy tongue ... stop them and get them in the shade

Two simple methods help prevent pets from overheating, Nelson said: keep them inside or in the shade as much as pos-

get what they need." Dogs tend to overheat while playing or exercising, Nelson said, but leaving a dog in a hot car puts the animal at especially high risk. A common mistake pet owners make is to leave the windows cracked, expecting that the dog will be fine, Nelson

sible to prevent excessive heat

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toria Bryan, pet groomer and

aspiring veterinarian. "It's our

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tat to keep cool, so as pets, they might need ice packs in their cages or be put in a cool spot. They also pant differently from dogs, taking raspy breaths that might make it harder for pet owners new to rabbits to recognize overheating. Additionally, their ears help them maintain lower body temperature; blood cools as it circulates through their large, flat

ears, close to the surface of the skin, and the cooler blood circulates through the rest of the body.

### Red Cross blood drive eclipses 100-pint goal

**Andy Rao** news editor

After a decent start on the first day of donations, the "Rock-n-Roll Up Your Sleeve" blood drive, conducted by K-State and the American Red Cross, finished with a bang.

"We had a great turnout during the two days," said Kristi Ingalls, blood drive coordinator and senior donor recruitment representative with the Red Cross. "We collected 142 pints of blood.

Ingalls said the original do-nation goal was to collect 100 pints of blood over the two-day event, which was held in the K-State Student Union, a mark that the drive eclipsed by a large margin.

"This was by far our best blood drive we've had during the summer months at KSU,

Ingalls attributed the extremely successful blood drive to the community's willingness to be involved and contribute to the cause.

'We had a ton of people who wanted to pitch in," she said. "We got great coverage from the paper, and students from Leadership Studies stepped up and got the word out about needing volunteers. We just had a lot of extra publicity this summer, which is probably one of the biggest reasons that we were able to meet our goal.'

Since the blood can be split into three different components — red blood cells, plasma and platelets — each pint of blood that was donated helped save three different lives, Ingalls said.

"Those 142 pints of blood can now go to help save the lives of up to 426 people," she said. "Thank you all so much for your help in spreading the word about the drive and also to those of you who volunteered or recruited volunteers. What a great turnout."

### 3 Wildcats named to Big 12 preseason team

Sean Frye staff writer

The All-Big 12 preseason team was released on last Wednesday, and three of K-State's players were named to it: senior linebacker Arthur Brown, senior defensive back Nigel Malone and sophomore wide receiver Tyler Lockett. Lockett was named as a kick returner.

Brown, who transferred from Miami and played his first season with K-State last year, was a standout linebacker for the Wildcats last season. He averaged more than seven tackles a game and totaled 101 on the year. He also racked up 9.5 tackles for a loss.

Malone, another defensive

standout for the Wildcats will also be expected to put up big numbers this year as the leadership of the defense undergoes and overhaul. Last season, he had 58 total tackles, seven interceptions including one for a touchdown against Texas Tech, and also broke up 10 passes.

As for Lockett, whose season last year was cut short by injury, he is the youngest member of K-State to be named to the preseason team. As a freshman, he caught three touchdown passes, returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, and averaged more than 35 yards per kick return.

K-State football opens the season against Missouri State on Sept. 1 in Manhattan.

### K-State named top university in professional sales education

Cale Miller

contributing writer

K-State's College of Business Administration was recently named one of the top universities from which to get a professional sales education, according to the University Sales Education Foundation. As the sole representative on that list from the state of Kansas, K-State offers a variety of sales classes through

the marketing department.
The USEF is an organization with a mission to "promote the profession of sales and its role as the driving force to the economy," according to its website.

Chad Jackson, instruction of management and associate di-

rector of the Center for the Ad-

vancement of Entrepreneurship, said no matter where students go in their career, they will be involved with sales.

"Having the opportunity to practice sales in a collegiate setting is extremely important for anyone going into a professional setting," he said. "It doesn't have to be business or entrepreneurship, it can be any field, any industry, you're going to be involved with selling product and it's getting those skills that are very valuable for students."

The schools on USEF's list require completing a minimum of three sales-specific courses, the offering of sales internships and university recognition for individuals upon completion.

Currently K-State offers three

courses: Professional Selling, Sales Management and Advanced Selling. The college is currently developing a proposal for a sales minor that will be open to all students in 2013.

As a way to develop a greater focus on the study and practice of relationship selling, the College of Business Administration and the department of marketing developed the National Strategic Selling Institute. Their mission is to advance the relationship selling profession, which focuses on building a strong relationship between those doing sales and customers, through leadership in interdisciplinary academic education, research and outreach

Morgan Lillich, senior busi-

ness development executive manager for KZUH-FM in Salina and K-State alumnus, said despite working in the radio industry, sales was still an important aspect of her job.

Illustration by Parker Wilhelm

"When I graduated from K-State, I wish I had had an opportunity to take these type of sales classes prior to graduation," Lillich said. "I knew all about working in a radio station, but I sure didn't know a lot about selling 'til I graduated and went to work for a radio station and found out I needed to know how to sell in order to be a successful member of the radio station team."

Annually, K-State offers two sales competitions and also holds a series of workshops during Sales Week. In the fall, the Edwards Jones Sales Competition is open to all K-State undergraduate students. The four winners from the

competition and two alternates make up the university's team for the National Collegiate Sales Competition.

The spring competition is the Victaulic Sales Invitational, which occurs during Sales Week. This competition is also open to all K-State students and other students in the area. Apart from the competition, Sales Week offers students a chance to practice their skills and learn from a series of workshops and speak-

"We designed K-State Sales Week to generate student awareness about the numerous excit-

ing opportunities available in sales careers," said Dawn Deeter-Schmelz, J.J. Vanier distinguished chair in relational selling and marketing, director of the National Strategic Selling Institute and professor of marketing, in an April 2 K-State press release.

Lillich said that having a sales background is an extremely important skill set to have, regardless of what industry people are

"Now I am in charge of interviewing new team members for our radio station and I am always looking for those that have sales experience," she said. "I would encourage all K-State students to take as many sales courses as they can; it will always be helpful in any type of career they choose."











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### Voters call on candidates to take firm stand on gun control



On July 20, 24-year-old James Holmes armed himself with an assault rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun and two semiautomatic pistols. He walked into a midnight premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora,

Colo., and opened fire into the audience, killing 12 and wounding 58. This event not only wounded Americans deeply, but it also brought the gun debate back to the forefront of American politics.

I'm a firm believer in the theory that there are two sides to every story, and in this instance I can reasonably see both sides of the gun debate. On one side of the spectrum is the claim that this event would not have occurred if more members of the audience were armed, and on the other side is the claim that if guns were made even less accessible these events could have been prevented. It's all really speculation at this point; the fact of the matter is that we don't know if anything could have prevented Holmes from a devious plan that was months in the making.

The morning after this catastrophic event, President Barack Obama and presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney paused their presidential campaigns to offer condolences to the victims, their families and the American people. However, it wasn't long before the presidential candidates were criticized for the lack of gun control policy discussion throughout their campaigns.

According to a July 22 Huffington Post article by Sabrina Siddiqui, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg openly criticized President Obama and Governor Romney. The article quoted Bloomberg as saying, "This really is an enormous problem for the country, and it's up to these two presidential candidates. They want to lead this country, and they've said things before that they're in favor of banning things like assault weapons. Where are they now and why don't they stand up? And if they want our votes, they

required [Holmes] to submit to a I hate to say it, but I agree with background check or register his Bloomberg, who is a staunch supgrowing purchases." porter of gun control. While I do

not completely side with either view,

I do believe that after a tragedy like

the Aurora shooting, it will be necessary for the presidential candidates

to beef up their campaigns with

their views on gun control.

Obama has largely avoided the

gun debate. According to a July 20 CNN article by Jessica Yellin, "talk of

gun rights was largely absent from

Obama's speech in the aftermath of

and he refused to even mention the

word gun during his speech follow-

presidential candidate's decisions to

this time of mourning, this tragedy

take a pause from the politics during

the Fort Hood shooting in 2009,"

ing Friday's shooting.
While I support both of the

A July 22 CNN opinion article by John Donohue stated that gun policy is currently made by the National Rifle Association, and "no serious effort at gun control can currently get past its veto." The article also pointed out that legislation passed during the Clinton years, known as the Brady Bill, required "background checks at the time of gun purchases, or the assault weapons ban," but the NRA succeeded in inserting gaping loopholes into the laws.

This is why it is necessary for the presidential candidates to establish a strong stance in the gun debate, because if they keep maintaining noncommittal responses or wishywashy promises of action, the NRA will continue to shut down any and all gun control efforts. In addition to that, the American people need to develop a stronger voice in the matter. The CNN article by Yellin

showed that Americans are divided on the gun rights issue; a Pew survey showed that 49 percent found it more important to protect the rights of Americans to own guns, and 45 percent said it's more important to

control gun ownership.

The Aurora tragedy has now been added to the list of the worst mass shootings in the United States, preceded by the Fort Hood shooting in 2009, according to a July 20 timeline featured on CNN. Catastrophes like this have emerged throughout history, and while we mourn the tragedy at the time and clamor for change, time passes and we become silent until the next

tragedy. While more laws might not be the answer to preventing these catastrophes

from occurring, especially when criminals are usually breaking the laws, if the debate isn't brought to light at all then nothing will be accomplished. If the problem isn't discussed, then there is no possibility of any solution. Perhaps its time for the presidential candidates to stand behind their shiny promises of change and actually make one.

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### Scott Brown represents moderation in politics



There seems to be constant clamoring for more moderation in Washington, D.C., and yet when we have someone who actually embodies this ideal, like Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown, as soon as they're up for re-election, we criticize them. Scott Brown is the type of politician that I can admire, which is why I truly hope that he is re-elected to the United States Senate.

Brown is currently serving a partial term in the Senate after being elected in a special election to fill the

seat held by long-time Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, the younger brother of former President John F. Kennedy. He is a Republican and the seat has traditionally been held by Democrats, making this election a particularly competitive one.

Politics has always been a dirty game, but the current polarization has become a serious problem. We complain about the lack of moderation in politics, but we're voting out all of the moderates. That's not a sustainable path to be on if we want a government that will continue to be effective. I don't think that our government can continue on the path it is currently on; when someone like Brown comes along and tries to be a bit more moderate, that's something we need to praise.

As we have never seen her seated in the Senate, it's difficult to say what kind of legislator Elizabeth Warren, Brown's opponent, will end up being. She may very well turn out to be a moderate senator from Massachusetts in the same way that Brown currently is. If so, then the country will be stronger for it. However, if she ends up being an extremist, the country will have replaced one of its few moderate voices in Congress. With so few moderates remaining,

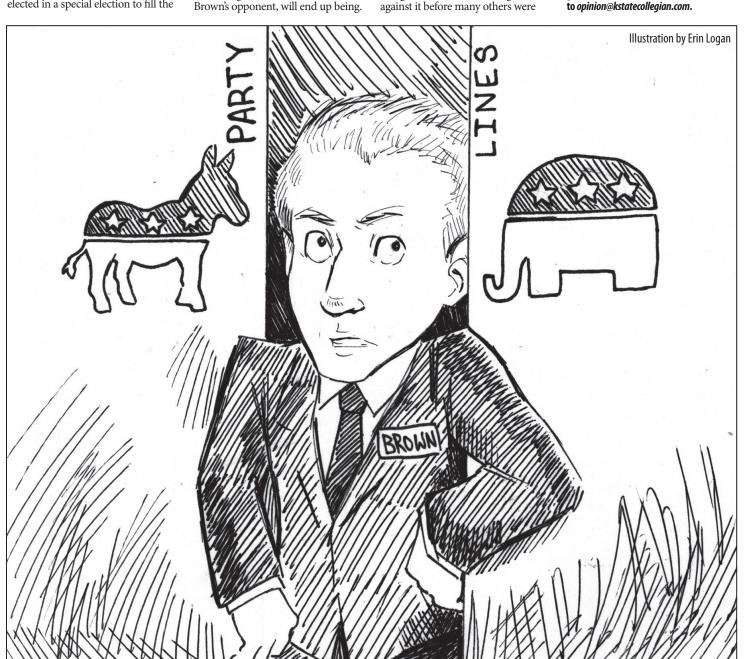
that's simply not an option for us. Brown has been an independent thinker in a country that desperately needs one. On Jan. 17 of this year, Brown posted on Twitter, "I'm going to vote NO on #PIPA and #SOPA. The Internet is too important to our economy." This was the day before the Jan. 18 blackout of Wikipedia and Reddit that inspired many other legislators to announce their opposition to the legislation, which I consider to be one of the more poorlythought out works to be proposed in Congress. Brown was willing to vote

and for that he deserves praise.

We need more legislators who are independent thinkers like Brown, not fewer. This is not a partisan issue, necessarily. Brown happens to be a relatively liberal Republican, but I would just as easily be able to support a relatively conservative Democrat. These are the types of people we need in Congress — people who are willing to vote the way their constituency actually feels, not just down the

I hope that when this election comes around, the people of Massachusetts will vote Brown into office once more in order to set an example for the rest of the country to follow. If we can no longer respect people for moderate views, we will be in serious trouble in the next few decades.

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**STREET TALK** 

### Do you trust the information you read on blogs? If not, why?

"Not really. Just like the mass media, they exaggerate the truth."

Jian Yu

sophomore, accounting

"No. They're always like really biased and opinionated. Their breadth is not very wide; they're very focused. Typically they don't look at the big picture

very well."

Matt Tye junior, civil engineering

"No — unreliable source 95% of the time; I think they're opinionated and biased."

> Ryan Regehr graduate student, geography

"Depending on who's the writer, because if the writer has credibility, then I can believe what

he says." Yong Jae Song

junior, computer science

"No, because anyone can write whatever they

Patrick Keep Columbus, Neb., resident

"I don't really read blogs."

Ryan Regehr graduate student, geography

"No. I take it as the opinion of the author, not fact."

Anne Weese psychology intern, counseling services

"I don't really read blogs, but it's dependent on

what the blog is. It could just be anybody blog-

Killian Stone junior, software engineering

"No, because they don't have the facts and they just write down their own opinion."

> Sarah Lewis sophomore, agricultural

education

### Muslims fast, pray during Ramadan for spiritual strength



In the sweltering midsummer heat, she wore an abaya, a traditional Muslim head cover and dress. Accompanied by a male chaperone, as is required by her religion, the brother and sister slowly made their way to the second floor of Hale Library where I met them.

Hussam Alghamdi, junior in electrical engineering, was dressed like any other young man on campus - in shorts and an American Eagle T-shirt. In comparison to his sister, Wafa, who will be a graduate student in chemistry after she finishes English courses, I felt underdressed. I found myself apologizing for my attire, which must seem indecent to someone whose religion requires that women cover even their

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and begins when the new moon is sighted. It requires Muslims to abstain from food, drink and sexual activity from dawn until dusk. The monthlong period of obligatory fasting began this year on July 20. Because Islam uses a lunar calendar instead of the solar calendar used in the U.S., the dates fluctuate by as much as 10 days from year to year, moving in 33-year cycles, but usually falls near the end of the summer. Each country has an organization that decides the beginning of Ramadan. In the U.S., the North American Islamic Society makes this decision. The word Ramadan comes from the Arabic root ramida or ar-ramad, which means "scorching heat" or "dryness."

Fasting\_during the month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. Some groups are excused from the fasting, including young children, people with health issues and travelers. Although children are

excused until puberty, some children start fasting early. Hussam and Wafa started

fasting at the age of 7. "Around that age, children are really excited to begin fasting with the family," Hussam said. "Parents aren't hard on you until you're about 16, but by the time you're 13, you should be able to make it all day. Breakfast is a really big deal, and the meal after sundown has kind of a feeling of celebration at having made it through the day."

Moustapha Soumaila Issa, graduate student in entomology and Fulbright scholar from Niger, is also observing the fast.

"Some children start at an earlier age either because their parents want to initiate them or because they want to mimic others," Soumaila Issa said in an email interview. "I personally started fasting at the age of 7 but couldn't last the whole day. It was an enjoyable and exciting time given that everybody is in Ramadan."

After dusk, the fast is broken with a meal called iftar. Usually, the first food eaten is dates, because it is believed that is what the Prophet Muhammad ate when he broke his fast. Often there are family gatherings or meals served

at the local mosque. "Obviously, going the whole day without eating is not easy, but with faith and hope of having your sins forgiven, it gives you courage to resist," Soumaila Issa said. "Depending on the person, it may be easier at the beginning or at the end. Personally, it is difficult for me the first week, but after

that it gets easier." Ramadan also serves as a reminder of those who are less fortunate.

"We eat all year and fasting is to remind us of the poor people and those that can't eat all day," Alghamdi said. "It reminds us to be more patient and to behave in all matters. Seeing everyone fasting and going through things, you feel like you are getting closer to Allah."

Charity is also an important part of Islam, and often the month will see an increase in charitable

donations. Zakat, or alms giving, is another pillar of Islam. Some Muslims will choose to give their zakat during the month of Ramadan since it is believed that the reward will be greater during this time. They may also choose to give more than is required to receive

additional rewards.
In addition to fasting and charity, an increase in prayer and reading the Quran is encouraged. During these final days of Ramadan, some Muslims will pray all night, or pray extra prayers. They will per-form tilawat, "reading and studying of the Quran," in addition to the required five daily prayers. The Night of Fate is an important event, as it is the anniversary of the night Muslims believe the first verses of the Quran were revealed to Muhammad by Allah.

"No one knows when this night is exactly, but it is within the last 10 days, Hussam said. "Whatever you ask for you're going to get. During Ramadan, because you're fasting and weak, praying and being

a good Muslim, Allah will give you more. He will reward you more, the reward is bigger during Ramadan. After the last prayer, we say tarawih prayer."

The tarawih is an extra prayer said at night during Ramadan.

"This is a longer prayer than usual," Alghamdi said. 'The Imam, or Muslim religious leader, will read the Quran and then we start

praying again."
Wafa said she prayed all night during the end of

Ramadan last year.
"I had a good year this year," she said.

Walking away from the interview, all I could focus on was the heat and how incredibly thirsty I was and the fact that I was starving, while the sun was still far from sinking below the horizon. It made me wonder if I could ever be as strong as Hussam, Wafa and Moustapha.

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### Book explains fundamental flaws of blogging as news source

"Trust Me, I'm Lying" ★★★★

Book review by Joshua Madden

Is the model for online journalism fundamentally broken? That's the argument made in "Trust Me, I'm Lying: Confessions of a Media Manipulator" by Ryan Holiday, released last Thursday.

Holiday, who has worked as a media consultant for controversial author Tucker Max and American Apparel, is difficult to label because of his wide variety of experiences. Holiday is also a blogger and, at least in my opinion, somewhat of a philosopher. He's certainly one of the most well-read people I've ever come into contact with, and that shows in his book, which cites a variety of

For the sake of full disclo-

sure, I want to write here that I have been reading Holiday's blog for some time, that I subscribe to his reading list (which you can sign up for online as well at RyanHoliday. net/reading-list) and that I have corresponded with him a bit over email. However, I don't believe that whether or not you have ever been in contact with the author would matter too much when reading the book. I truly believe that this is a book that anyone can appreciate.

The book is essentially an account of why Holiday believes that online journalism – blogging in particular — is fundamentally flawed. It is a system that promotes inaccuracies instead of a desire to find the truth, with Holiday making frequent comparisons to the days of yellow journal-

Holiday's arguments are compelling, largely because they are based on his personal experience as well as a strong

variety of other evidence, including examples in history and literature. He is undoubtedly an expert on the topic and clearly passionate about the subject, which makes reading the book a more intense experience than it might be otherwise.

This is a topic that could easily be boring in the hands of a different author, or at least seem limited in terms of practical application. Holiday makes the argument that only by exposing the system for how poor it is can we actually begin to fix it. By reading this book, we, as consumers of blogs and other online media outlets, are making a step in the right direction.

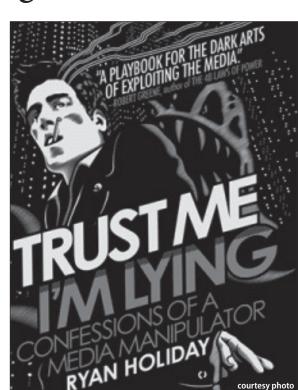
If you have any interest in journalism at all — whether you're studying it formally in school or just happen to have a passion about the subject — this book is an absolute

must-read because it so clear explains details about the path we're on. Being somewhat passionate about this topic myself, I truly enjoyed the book.

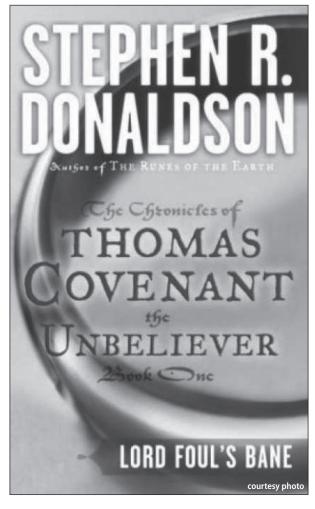
That's not to say that others shouldn't read the book. Everyone in modern society absorbs information from the media, and if everyone was a little bit more educated about the process because of this book, that would be a good thing. It would help to make the national dialogue a bit more informed by forcing people to ask why they are hearing certain stories instead

of others.
I give "Trust Me, I'm Lying" five out of five stars. It is a book I can unequivocally recommend. If a society can begin to understand how it processes information, there's no doubt that society will become a better one. Holiday's book, in that respect, is a step in the right direction.

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### Fantasy novel 'Lord Foul's Bane' proves a foul book, indeed



#### "Lord Foul's Bane"

**★☆☆☆☆** 

**Book review by Karen Ingram** 

I had high hopes for "Lord Foul's Bane" by Stephen R. Donaldson, in part because the endorsements included blurbs by authors Marion Zimmer Bradley and Robert Block talking about how great it was. I'm afraid I must re-

spectfully disagree with them. The first in "The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever" series, "Lord Foul's Bane," originally published in 1977, begins with Thomas Covenant, a down-on-hisluck author whose wife leaves him with their child after he is diagnosed with leprosy and has half of his hand amputated. He lives in seclusion on his farm, as the townspeople pay for his bills and have his groceries delivered to ensure that he stays away from them, and spends most of his time feeling sorry for himself because he's a leper and nobody loves him. Then one day, he is struck by a runaway police car and magically whisked away to a magical world full of giants, wraiths and other critters. Covenant has been summoned by the evil Lord Foul who is plotting to destroy the world.

He enlists Covenant to deliver a message to the people of this strange world (which takes him about six pages of monologue that could have been boiled down to the sentence "prepare to die"). The people (who have no knowledge of leprosy) mistake Covenant for the reincarnation of a mythic hero and expect him to save

This introduction to the character truly tugged at my heartstrings; I liked Thomas Covenant, and I felt bad for him because his disease had made him an exile in his own home. Being thrust into this strange world filled him with many conflicting emotions and I really felt for him. That is, until he rapes an underage girl within the first 90 pages of the book. Then the story was sort of ruined for me.

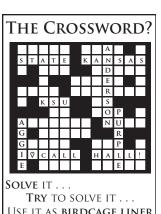
I have read stories before where the protagonist does dreadful things, such as rape or murder, but the character is still done in a way that makes them sympathetic to the reader. Not so with Thomas Covenant. He feels no remorse for his deeds, in part because he believes this magical world is an hallucination brought on by the car accident, and only cares about saving his own

I also found Lord Foul objectionable as an antagonist because he is the stereotypical evil entity. He does not have any depth to his character or any backstory to explain why he is the way he is. He's just evil. This makes him unrealistic to me as a villain.

Finally, I had trouble maintaining focus because of the language of the book. The people of this magic world are overly dramatic, using words like "behold" and "alas" in every other paragraph. It got

The only reason I'm giving this book a one-star rating instead of half a star is the benefit of the doubt: I did not finish it. I gave up after 200 pages. If a 500-plus page book doesn't start getting good after 200 pages, I simply don't see the point in making myself suffer any longer. I learned that lesson the hard way years ago when I forced myself to finish Stephen King's "The Tommyknockers." To this day, I wish I could go back in time and get those three days of my

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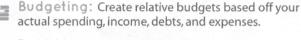
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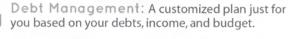
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### Weekly K-State, Manhattan area news briefs

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OF FIRE HAZARDS

**MFD WARNS CITIZENS** 

The Manhattan Fire Department issued a press release on July 23 warning citizens to be "vigilant" with potential fire hazards. The recent high temperatures and extremely dry weather have made grass and other veg-etation more combustable than normal. The two leading causes of outdoor fires are discarded cigarettes and improperly disposed of coals from charcoal grills. The MFD has urged citizens to be extra careful with these and

of control very quickly.

In addition, the Kansas
Forest Service recommends that homeowners keep all grass within 30 feet of homes mowed short, as this can help to protect homes from poten-

all other sources of combustion, as the dry conditions can

cause any fire to become out

tial wildfires. The MFD is not allowing any burn permit holders to conduct open burning at this

time. As of July 22, Manhattan has received .83 inches of rain for the month of July, according to weather.com. Average rainfall for the month is 4.42 inches. Temperatures are expected to remain in or near

the triple digits throughout

#### **GAS PRICES ON THE** RISE STATEWIDE

GasBuddy.com reports that gasoline prices have risen by an average of 9.2 cents per gallon in the state of Kansas in the past week. Nationwide, the average price has risen by 4.2 cents per gallon. While gas prices are on the rise, it should be noted that gas prices in Kansas are 14.2 cents per gallon lower now than this time last year. The upward trend is expected to last until September. For more information, visit kansasgasprices.com.

#### **HARMFUL BLUE-GREEN ALGAE DETECTED AT MILFORD LAKE**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued a statement on July 20 to warn Kansans of cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, in the areas north of Madison Creek at Milford Lake, located just west of Fort

The area was placed under advisory after tests detected the presence of blue-green algae, which can be potentially harmful to people, pets and livestock if they ingest the contaminated water. Boating and fishing may be safe, but direct contact with the water, such as swimming, is discouraged. Accordingly, swimming beaches are closed.

Any fish caught in the areas under advisory should be carefully cleaned and rinsed with clean water. Kansans are urged to avoid any areas where algae is clearly visible. Areas south of Madison Creek at Milford Lake are not included in the advisory at this

#### **PINK RODEO TO RAISE MONEY FOR JOHNSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER**

The Kaw Valley Rodeo will run from July 26-28 at Wells Arena in CiCo Park. In addition, the Kaw Valley Rodeo Association will be holding its sixth annual Tough Enough to Wear Pink event at the rodeo on Friday, July 27. The event is used to raise awareness of cancer as well as raise money for K-State's Johnson Cancer Research Center.

Attendees and participants at the rodeo are encouraged to wear pink to the event, and pink T-shirts, bandanas and other items will be available for purchase, with proceeds going to the research center.

For more information about the rodeo or specific events, visit kawvalleyrodeo.

### Campus construction



Construction workers observe the renovations outside of Anderson Hall on July 17. The sidewalk is currently blocked and replaced with a temporary alternate pathway.

### University breaks donations record for second consecutive year

**Darrington Clark** 

For the second year in a row, the purple pride of alumni, friends and supporters of K-State has resurfaced financially, as K-State celebrates another recordbreaking year of fundraising. This year's record \$121 million total in donations significantly

of \$107 million. Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, marked this year as a bright one

surpasses last year's record total

for K-State's future plans. This is another incredible record-setting year for our school," Bosco said.

The money K-State receives from donation and fundraising are a critical asset to the school's reputation of affordability and quality, he said.

"Without the support of our

donors, we will not be able to keep the K-State quality that we pride ourselves upon," Bosco sad.

The KSU Foundation, an organization in charge of charity and philanthropy associated with K-State, handles money received by K-State in donation. Fred Cholick, president and chief executive officer of the KSU Foundation, related the money directly to student benefit.

"The mission of the [KSU] Foundation is to increase and support K-State philanthropy," Cholick said. "To you, the students, what matters is what the dollars support."

According to Cholick, the main benefit students receive from the money is in scholarships. New scholarships are a way to direct K-State's donation money right back to the students,

he said "92 new scholarships were a they believe that increased donathe only reason, however, that K-

development last year. 53 were endowed, 39 were expendable," Cholick said. "Expendable scholarships are ones available to students right away, and endowed ones are given out forever with no return."

As a large portion of donated money comes from alumni, K-State pride also plays a part in this new record.

"It's clear that people love the school," said David Jones, sophomore in computer engineering. "Kansas State family environment must last beyond gradua-

Jones, like many students, pays for K-State tuition mostly on scholarships, so he recognizes the importance of the KSU foundation and donation money. More than just alumni donate to the school, however.

Both Bosco and Cholick

tion from supporters of the university has come from support of the K-State 2025 plan.

K-State 2025 is the vision supported by university president Kirk Schulz that K-State will be recognized as a top-50 public research institution by the year 2025. That vision has inspired help from K-State's contributors.

K-State 2025 has provided a rally cry for our donors, our faculty, our student leadership and our volunteers. These people all work tirelessly with our staff to move forward and push the plan into action," Bosco said.

Cholick also agreed that K-State 2025 has helped K-State reach its new record.

"People like to support a vision," Cholick said. "K-State's goal of 2025 has influenced people. The plan is out there."

Cholick said that this is r

State has experienced its second record-breaking year. "Dedicated staff in the Foun-

dation contributes to the increased rate of donation," Cho-

Cholick also said he believes that a national trend influenced K-State's donations this year.

'There has also been a nationwide willingness to contribute philanthropically," Cholick said. "Recently, in the United States of America, philanthropy has been up 4 percent, which is about a \$300 billion increase."

According to *CharityNavigator.org* and the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service, American philanthropic giving has indeed increased by 4 percent from 2010 to 2011, and Americans donated approximately \$290 billion in 2011, de-

spite economic conditions. In this time of increased ing time for K-State."

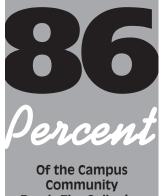
giving in America, one could expect K-State to break the record yet again next year. Both Cholick and Bosco said they believe it is possible.

"As long as we continue to provide a compelling reason to give, K-State donors will continue to donate," Bosco said. "As far as setting another record for donated money next year, that remains to be seen. However, this second record this year gives us a chance to celebrate and gives us the resolve to keep moving for-

Just as Jones believes in the power of alumni and giving back to the school, Cholick said he believes that the current state of the university will provide an environment for even more growth.

"Success breeds success," he said. "We must now continue the momentum. This is a very excit-





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### 5 reasons attending a public university can pay off in the future



For decades, private universities like Harvard University and Yale University have held the standard for higher education. Their selectivity and high levels of prestige cause students to covet them as a location for their college experience. Indeed, a Harvard pedigree could open up numerous doors for once-in-a-

lifetime opportunities. Lately, however, many seem to be opting to stick to state schools, preferring to reduce their financial burdens instead of chasing an extremely expensive Ivy League education. This choice

might prove to be a wise one. Personally, I had the option of attending several schools on the East Coast but chose to come to K-State. I couldn't be happier with that choice.

Here are five reasons that attending a public university give you a better college experience and succeed in your career:

#### 1. Public universities are much cheaper than private schools

Going to a school like K-State has certainly saved me money. Although a college education is an expensive commodity regardless of where you go to school, in-state tuition can certainly minimize the amount of debt

you with which you leave school. For example, as an in-state student, I pay a little more than \$7,000 per year in tuition. Even if I take out every dime of that in loans, I still only come out with \$28,000 of debt.

Harvard, on the other hand, charges \$37,576 for yearly tuition, according to their admissions website. Four years of an Ivy League education will cost you a shade over \$150,000 — a small mortgage in many cities.

Coming out with hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt can certainly hinder your ability to do things like create a solid base of savings, buy a house or a car and even minimize your investing potential.

#### 2. At public universities, you might meet a wider range of people

In my two years at K-State, I have had the opportunity to meet widely diverse groups of people. With just fewer than 24,000 of us undergraduates, it's really not that hard to do.

One thing that I've learned in life is that you have to learn how to deal with all kinds of people. Public universities give you a chance to do just that. Whether you join the shooting club, a student political organization or a greek chapter, public universities like K-State will have a place for everyone.

#### 3. Public universities give you a chance to 'brand' yourself

Attending a prestigious institution like Harvard can be a double-edged sword. On one hand, receiving a degree from an Ivy League university can create a powerful first impression to employers. On the other hand, it can also immediately turn people off.

Private schools often come with the aura of elitism; people are either enticed by the bourgeoisie image or turned off by what they see as a bunch of

A public university, however, comes with less baggage. You are not defined by your alma mater so strongly. Instead, you have more of an opportunity to show how your unique college experiences have shaped your personality and skills.

#### 4. The difference in cost does not reflect in starting salary

One of my professors used to say, "Your degree will only go as far as landing you your first job. After that, it's how your perform at the company. If you don't perform, nobody's going to care if you graduated from juco or Harvard — you're still fired."

The interesting thing, though, is that spending \$150,000 to get a degree from Harvard does not necessarily mean earning a higher starting salary than those who get a degree from K-State.

According to the Harvard Crimson website, the average starting salary for a Harvard undergraduate is \$63,400. K-State graduates' starting salaries range anywhere from the mid-\$30k range to \$63k, according to K-State's website.

So is it really worth it to spend that much on an Ivy League education? The numbers, it seems, would say no.

#### 5. Coveted careers do not have to come from Ivy League pedigrees

According to a 2010 U.S. News & World report, Ivy League and private universities produced "a disproportionate amount of corporate leaders" in 2010. The study found that many of the CEOs of the Fortune 500 companies graduated with degrees from private institutions.

The catch, however, is that pubic schools were not far behind at all. Schools like University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Ohio State University also finished highly, beating schools such as Stanford University, Dartmouth College and Northwestern University.

The name on your degree, it seems, does not matter as much as your experiences.

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### K-State professor co-edits book on financial literacy programs

**Andy Rao** news editor

Financial literacy is a topic that intimidates, frustrates and bores many college students. Trying to understand unfamiliar terms related to money and economics can instantly turn people off, but according to Sonya Britt, certified financial planner and assistant professor of family

studies and human services, understanding these issues can be crucial.

"In general I would define financial literacy as having the knowledge and capability to make smart financial decisions," Britt said.

Britt, who recently co-edited a book entitled "Student Financial Literacy: Campus Based Program Development," said involvement in financial literacy can help students succeed in daily financial issues and understand the way local, national and global economies function.

"The book is somewhat of a how-to guide to building financial education programs on college campuses," Britt said. "For students interested in promoting financial education in their future jobs or local high schools, this book

would be very useful in walking them through the steps they should consider along the way."

The book is a detailed manual for increasing campus involvement in improving student financial literacy and covers topics such as recruiting and training financial counselors, marketing fi-nancial education to college students and evaluating the

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impact of educational pro-

Britt said students in coloften lack financial knowledge due to lack of experience in dealing with these

"It's hard to teach how you should so something without experiencing it first hand," Britt said. "Emotions play a huge role in financial decision making. Even if you understand the math, it's easy to make bad financial decisions when you get caught up in the moment.

For students who need financial help, Britt suggested using campus resources such as Powercat Financial Counseling or taking classes like Introduction to Personal Finan-

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### YOUNG | Davies had 'presence of mind'

from my tube in my ribs drain and that is really painful," Young said. "That is honestly the source of almost all of my

Despite being shot in what Obama called a "heinous crime," Young still plans

to return to K-State this fall

after spending the spring and

summer semesters at the University of Colorado-Denver.

like traveling more difficult, but I'm still eager to get back to

Manhattan in the fall," Young

ism and the perseverance by

Young not only served as a focal point of the President's statement to the country following his visit with the vic-

tims' families, but also gave Young a second chance at life.

people at any age would have

the presence of mind that Stephanie did or the courage that Allie showed," Obama

said. "And so as tragic as the

circumstances of what we've

seen today are, as heartbreaking as it is for the families, it's worth us spending most of

our time reflecting on young Americans like Allie and

Stephanie because they repre-

sent what's best in us and they

assure us that out of this dark-

ness, a brighter day is going to

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a drainage tube put in my ribs because my lungs were filling up with blood but they didn't have time to put me out for that so I was just numbed and had it put in right in the hospital hallway."

Throughout the entire ordeal, Davies was left unharmed.

Young still has roughly 30 fragments left in her body, which doctors say would be too risky at this point to surgically remove.

'It is just as risky to try and take them out as it is to leave the there," Young said. "But there are four pieces that are really close to my heart so I have to keep getting X-rays and [echocardiograms] to make sure they are not getting closer. If they do I have to have

immediate surgery."

While Young is still not fully out of the woods, her prognosis is extremely bright thanks to Davies.

"Because of Stephanie's timely actions — and I just had a conversation with Allie downstairs — she is going to be fine," Obama said.

At the time of print, Young was hopeful that the tube inserted into her lungs would be removed at any time.

"I have to let all of the blood

### Chilling out in Call Hall



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**Sydney Kaufman** and **Sarah Jane Pickert** of Andover High School joke and laugh while enjoying ice cream at Call Hall Dairy Bar. Kaufman, Pickert and 50 other high school students from all over Kansas came together at K-State last week to participate in the Flint Hill Publications Workshop, a five-day camp where students learn about newspaper and yearbook production.

### **KB0E** | Aug. election

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parisons between smaller and larger schools could be an issue, as larger schools tend to have more money resources available. Horst said each district was unique and should not be put inside a box, but should be able to think outside of it, while Reddi said it would depend on the evaluation standards to see if resources were being used properly.

Dzewaltowski, Manhattan resident, was pleased with the questions and issues posed during the forum and noted the differences between each of the candidates in their responses.

"This was an audience that was educated on the issues," she said. "The questions from the audience were thoughtful and thor-

Dzewaltowski has two children, one a high school senior and the other a 19-year-old with special needs. As the parent of a special needs child, Dzewaltowski said she was concerned with the way test scores, such as the SAT and ACT, are often used to measure how well a school is doing. There should be other considerations to take into account for the measurement of a school's worth besides how well the "smart

kids" are doing, she said. McDonald advised everyone in the audience to educate themselves on the candidates in the meantime by using resources, such as the questionnaires on the KCFS website. McDonald also said people should not be afraid to call the candidates and ask them questions directly, and, most importantly, to vote in August.

People who do not vote because they claim their vote does not count use this excuse as a cop-out so they do not have to do the research, he said.

"If you don't vote, your opinion doesn't count," he

### **REACTS** | State 'shocked'

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how Holmes bought all of these guns legally.

"So what happens now? Will they move to ban guns?" Wu said. "I just can't help thinking that if someone in the theater had been carrying a concealed handgun, they might have been able to stop the guy and save lives. I really do believe in the use of a firearm to do good. But if we ban firearms from good people, we can't defend ourselves from those who would obtain them, illegally, and use them to do harm. The attacks are inevitable, so we need to do what we can to protect ourselves."

Jessa Green, Boulder resident and sophomore at Clark University in Worchester, Mass., said she, and her community, are still in shock and awe from the whole

The Aurora Police Department was the same department to respond to the Columbine High School shootings on April 20, 1999. The Columbine High School massacre happened when Dylan Kebold and Eric Harris brought guns and bombs into their high

school, killing 13 and wounding another 23.

'The whole state is shocked. I've seen people in public places sitting and crying, and I don't know if they're crying about this or not, but I know that this has affected everyone," Green said. "And of course, Aurora is the same place that the Columbine shooting took place all those years ago, and people have been drawing parallels to that horrific event ... which makes me think about how my high school is the sister school to Columbine and I can only imagine that security is going to be much tighter there come August."

The names and ages of the victims are as follows: Veronica Moser, 6; Jessica Ghawi, 24; John Larimer, 27; Alexander Boik, 18; Jesse Childress, 29; Jonathan Blunk, 26; Rebecca Wingo, 32; Alex Sullivan, 27; Gordon Cowden, 52; Micayla Medek, 23; Alexander Teves, 24; and Matthew McQuinn, 27.

"In all honesty, everything about this situation is terrible, Green said. "I wish that it hadn't have happened. It's marred something wonderful and ruined so many lives and the whole state is distraught."

### BOOK | Credit needed

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cial Planning or Money 101. No matter how boring or intimidating these topics may be, Britt said it is important for students not to be scared of learning. She said students should not shy away from things like learning how to manage a credit card or take out loans, as long as they are doing so responsibly.

The ability to build a

credit history is also another benefit of financial literacy, she said.

"Good credit is needed to obtain an apartment, buy a home, and sometimes to get a job," Britt said. "No credit is just as bad as poor credit. Financial education and counseling can help students take safe steps toward building their credit."

Jens Johnson, junior marketing, said one way he stays up to date with personal finance-related topics is by using mobile applications on his smartphone.

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"I like to use my phone to keep track of my bank accounts and read up on news," Johnson said. "Also, using social media like Twitter can be really useful; you can learn a lot if you're following Forbes or Fortune Magazine on Twitter."

Britt also said that free online resources like creditkarma.com can be handy for students to keep track of their credit scores.

"It's a free website that allows people to check their credit score as often as they want without a negative impact on their score," she said. "In addition to receiving a score, the website educates users on how to improve their score and make rise financial decisions."

According to Johnson, students should definitely make improving their financial literacy a priority.

"It's your money," he said. "Learning about these kinds of things can impact your income and student loans. It's only going to help you in

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